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SUBJ: OIL TANKERS IN PUGET SOUND

1. NASTY PUBLIC DISPUTE DEVELOPING HERE FROM WHICH ONLY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS CAN PROFIT. ACCORDING VANCOUVER SUN AUGUST 14 U.S. GOVT. OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY DECIDED TO REVEAL TO CANADIAN REPORTER ALLEGED DETAILS OF JULY 26 DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND B.C. GOVT. OFFICIALS. (I AM UNABLE ASSESS VALIDITY OF STORY AS DEPT. HAS NOT YET SUPPLIED INFOR RE MEETING TO THIS POST.)

2. REPORT IS BEING PLAYED HERE AS QUOTE CAPITULATION ON TANKERS IN BC. WATER UNQUOTE AND B.C. GOVT. INVITES OIL TANKER TRAFFIC UNQUOTE. MAINSPRING OF REPORT IS ALLEGED STATEMENT BY U.S. OFFICIAL THAT B.C. GOVT. IS PROPOSING THAT ALASKAN CRUDE OIL BE SHIPPED BY TANKER TO B.C. REFINERIES. B.C. ATTORNEY GENERAL MACDONALD AND B.C. PETROLEUM CORP. CHAIRMAN RHODES NOT UNNATURALLY VEHEMENTLY DENY THIS POLITICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLOSIVE ASSERTION.

3. WHATEVER REASON US OFFICIAL MAY HAVE HAD IN  
MAKING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED BY REPORTER I SINCERELY  
HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING FURTHER  
STATEMENTS REGARDING SUBSTANCE DISCUSSIONS WHICH  
B.C. GOVT. REPRESENTATIVES ASSUMED TO BE PRIVATE AND  
INFORMAL. IT WOULD BE MUST UNWISE, I VENTURE SUGGEST,  
TO ALLOW SLANGING MATCH TO BE CREATED BETWEEN U.S.  
AND B.C. OFFICIALS ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT WAS SAID IN  
JULY 26 MEETING. (NEW REPORTS BEING POUCHED.)  
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